

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES  
MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS**

1.-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A reclining element, comprising:

a swingable backrest;

a headrest hingedly connected to one end of the backrest;

an electromotive adjustment device for moving the backrest and the headrest, said adjustment device including at least one spindle profiled element, a drive motor for operating the spindle profiled element, and at least one adjusting element placed upon the spindle profiled element for movement in a longitudinal direction of the spindle profiled element between two end positions; and

an articulated lever having first and second levers with confronting ends of the levers hingedly connected by a joint, wherein one of the first and second levers ~~one end is~~ linked to the adjusting element and ~~another end the other one of the first and second levers is~~ connected to the backrest for raising the backrest when the adjusting element moves from one of the end positions to the other one of the end positions, ~~said articulated lever being constructed to act like a toggle lever wherein a leading movement of the headrest causes a slight lifting of the backrest, and wherein a further lifting of the backrest causes a blockage of the articulated lever so that the articulated lever acts like a rigid lever.~~

14. (Previously presented) The reclining element of claim 13, and further comprising a footrest hingedly connected to another end of the backrest, said adjustment device being operatively connected to the footrest for moving the footrest between an extended position in which the footrest is flat and a raised position.

15. (Currently amended) The reclining element of claim 13, wherein the spindle profiled element is a threaded spindle.
16. (Currently amended) The reclining element of claim 13, ~~wherein the articulated lever has first and second levers having confronting ends which are connected by a joint, said first lever having another joint distal end which is linked to the adjusting element, and said second lever having another joint distal end which is linked to the backrest~~, wherein a movement of the adjusting element from the one end position causes the joint to execute a guided linear movement and a rotational movement that leads to ~~a blocking~~ the blockage of the articulated lever when the first and second levers assume a particular disposition relative to one another.
17. (Previously presented) The reclining element of claim 16, and further comprising a fixed guide pin which is provided in an area of the joint and so supported during the rotational movement of the joint on a stationary slideway that the backrest is swingable to assume a position of optimum lever ratio to facilitate a continuous raising of the backrest.
18. (Previously presented) The reclining element of claim 17, wherein the guide pin is disposed in offset relationship to the joint.
19. (Previously presented) The reclining element of claim 18, wherein the guide pin is positioned in closer relationship to the backrest than the joint, when the adjusting element is in the one end position.
20. (Previously presented) The reclining element of claim 18, wherein the guide pin and the joint are positioned at substantially same vertical height, when the adjusting element reaches the other end position.

21. (Currently amended) The reclining element of claim 17, wherein the guide pin and the joint are arranged in ~~eccentric~~ spaced-apart superimposed relationship.
22. (Previously presented) The reclining element of claim 16, wherein the first lever is provided with a fixed stop constructed to effect the blockage of the articulated lever and impacted by a joint proximal area of the second lever, when the first and second levers assume the particular angular disposition.
23. (Currently amended) The reclining element of claim ~~[[16]]~~ 13, and further comprising a crossbar for connecting opposite side portions of the backrest, said second lever being supported on the crossbar.
24. (Previously presented) The reclining element of claim 13, and further comprising at least one crank mechanism for swinging the headrest in response to a movement of the adjusting element.
25. (Currently amended) The reclining element of claim 24, and further comprising a crossbar for connecting opposite side portions of the backrest, wherein the crank mechanism includes a crank supported on the side portions of the backrest and having one end connected to the crossbar ~~and another end~~, and a connecting rod having one end articulated to ~~the other~~ another end of the crank.
26. (Currently amended) The reclining element of claim 25, and further comprising a bracket fixedly secured to a side portion of the headrest and provided for articulation of ~~a crossbar distal~~ an end of the connecting rod at a distance to the crossbar.

27. (Currently amended) The reclining element of claim [[16]] 13, wherein the headrest ~~upon lifting moves in a particular position~~ against a stop of the backrest ~~such that for causing the backrest is to be raised slightly so that the headrest executes a leading movement in relation to the backrest in a manner that upon further raising of the backrest the articulated lever is blocked to act like a rigid lever.~~
28. (Currently amended) The reclining element of claim 13, and further comprising two of said ~~spindle~~ profiled element, said two ~~spindles~~ profiled elements being driven by the drive motor which is so constructed as to allow operation of one of the ~~spindles~~ profiled elements or both ~~spindles~~ profiled elements.
29. (Previously presented) The reclining element of claim 28, wherein the drive motor is a geared motor.
30. (New) The reclining element of claim 13, wherein the first and second levers are single-armed levers.